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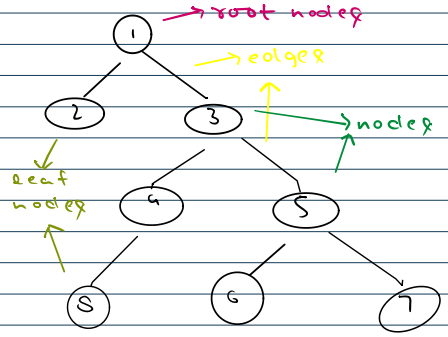
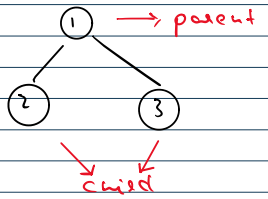
Trees

It is a non-linear data structure and it represents data in hierarchical form.

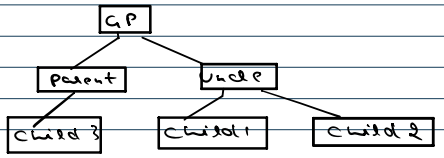




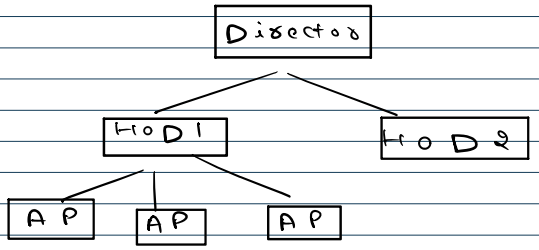
1. Nodes (n) → Edges (n-1)
2. single parent except node
3. any no. of children
4. no cycles in tree.

Real world analogies

1. Family Tree

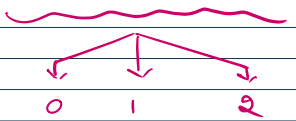


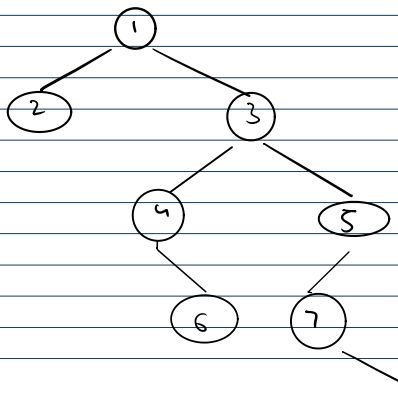
2. Organisation Tree

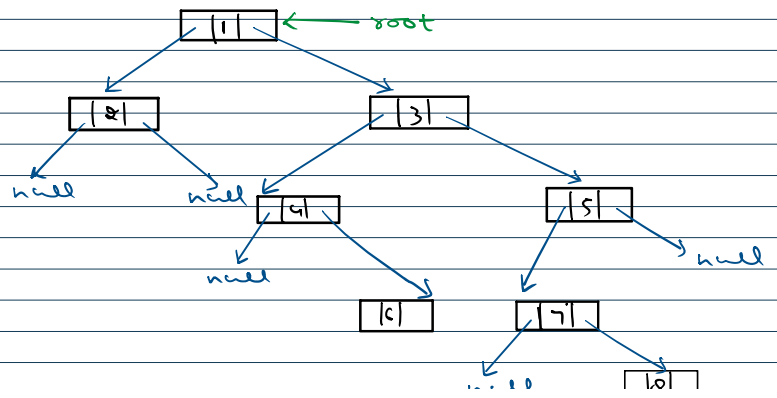


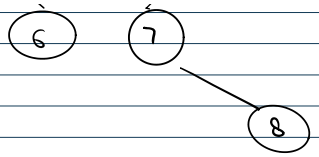
Binary Tree

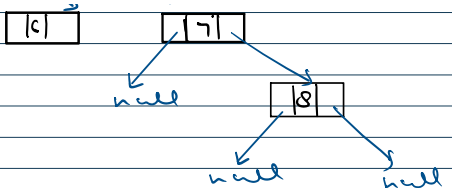
where each node has at most two children (left & right child)

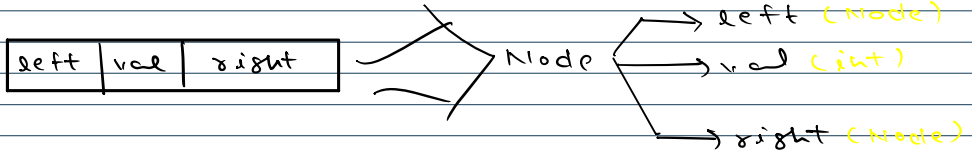










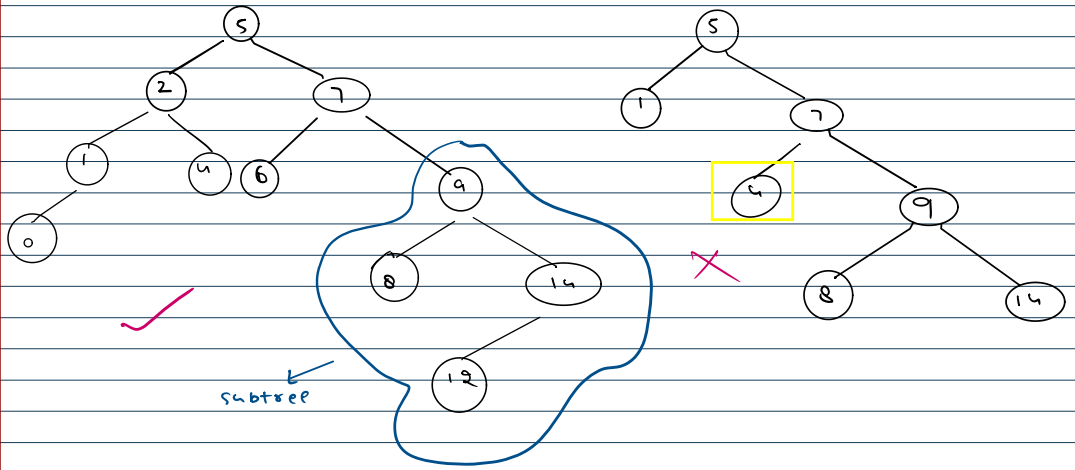


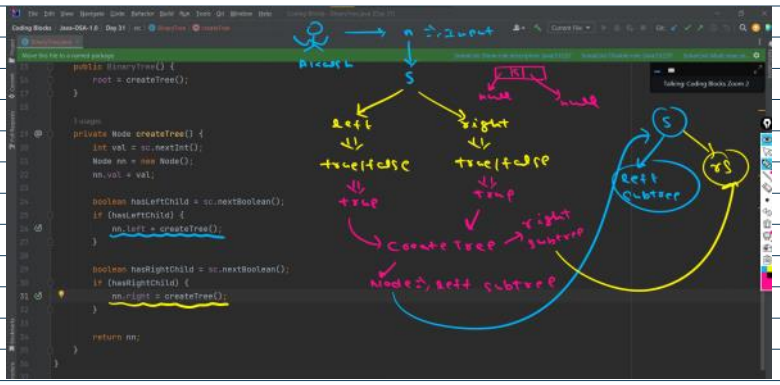
Binary Search Tree

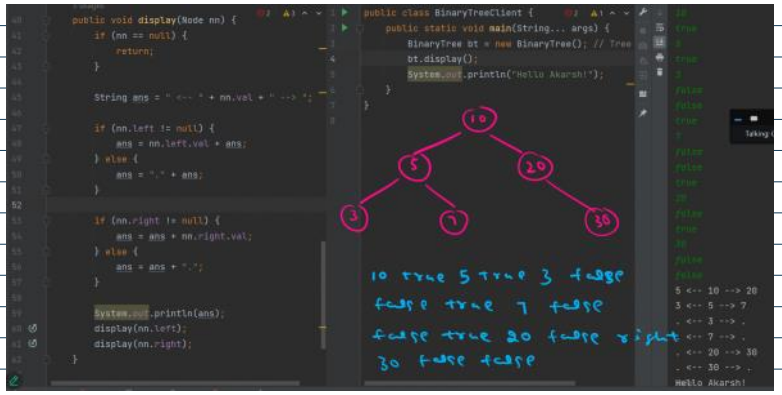
It is a BT that follows:

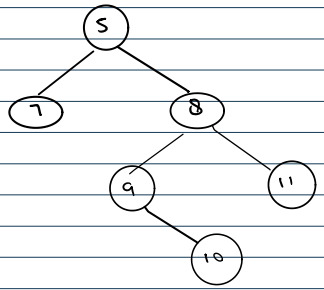
ordering Property
- left child => smaller than parent
- right child => greater than parent

Example









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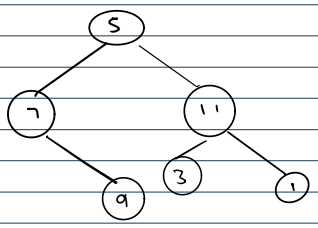

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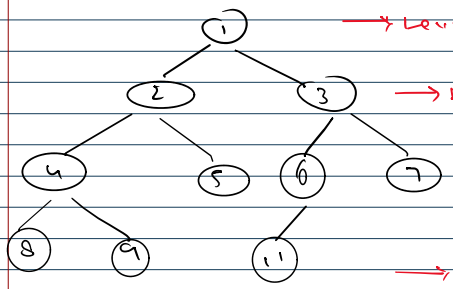
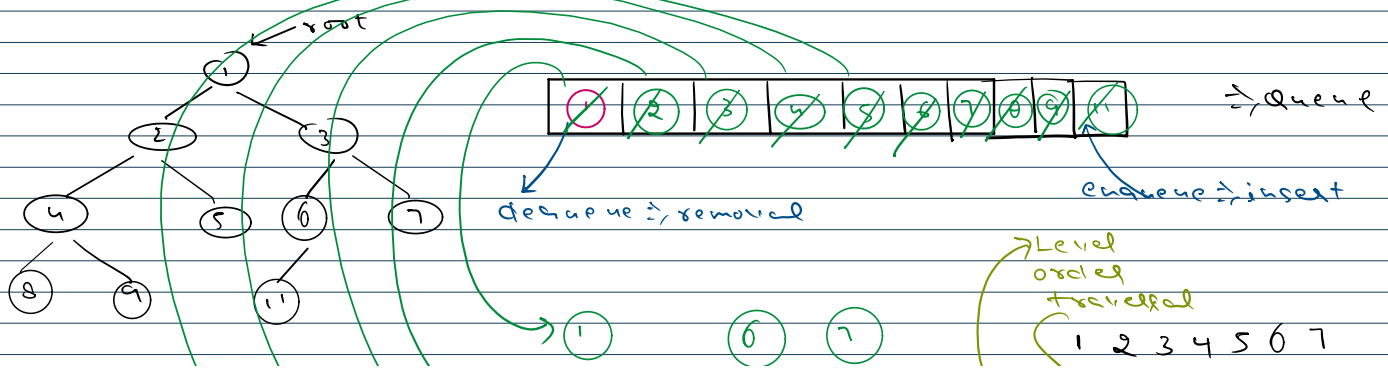
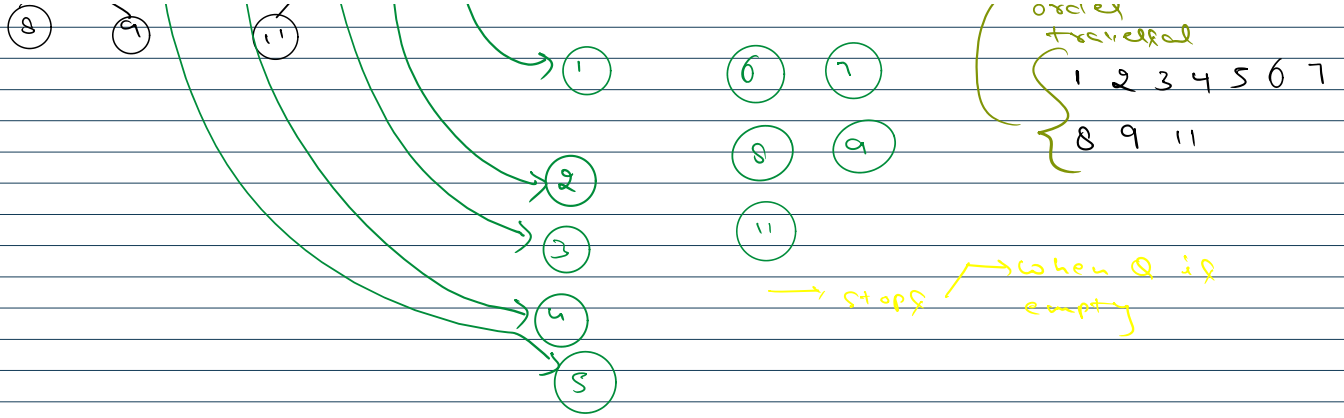
Traversals

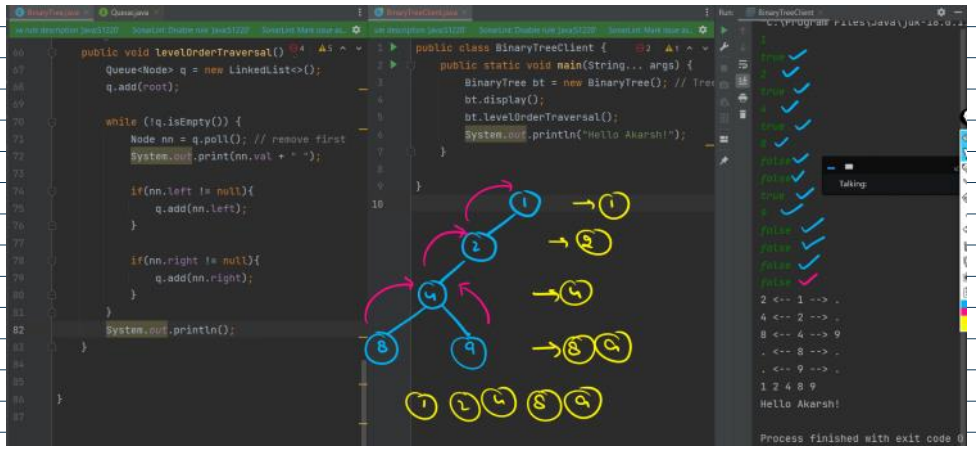
Level order traversal



1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11

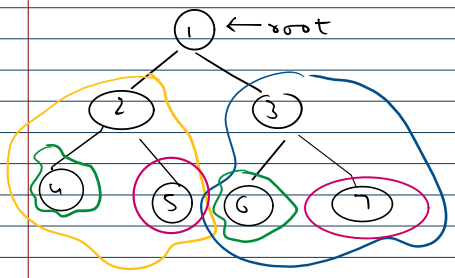






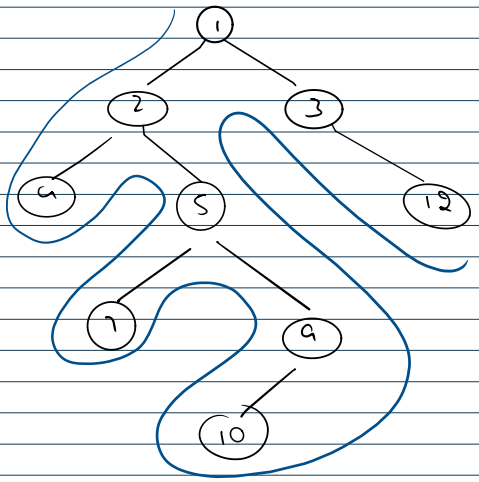
Traversal
- Preorder :) val → left → right
- Postorder :) left → right → val
- Inorder :) left → val → right

Preorder Traversal



1 left
2 left right
4 5
right
3 left right
6 7

1 2 4 5 3 6 7



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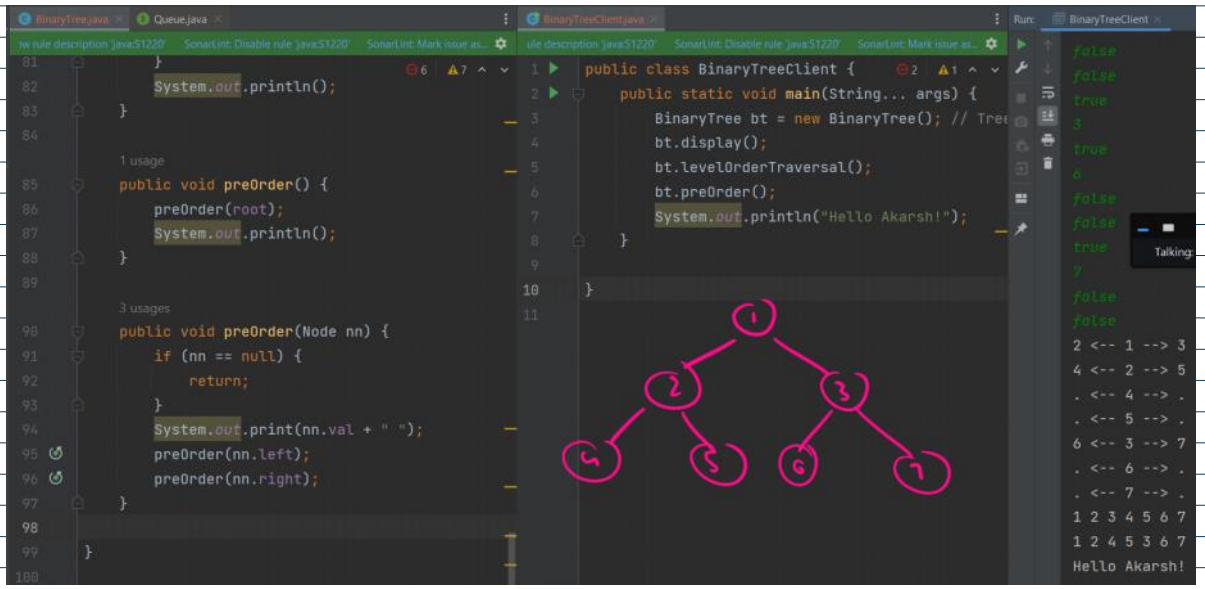
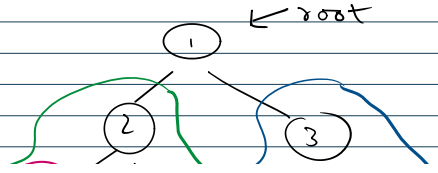


Post order Traversal



left → left right 2 right → left right 3

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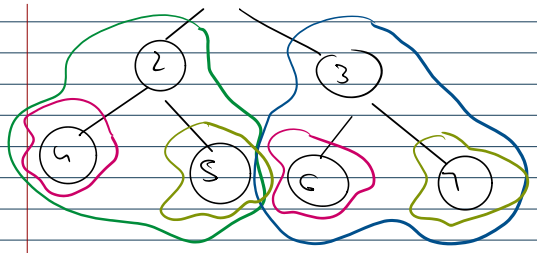
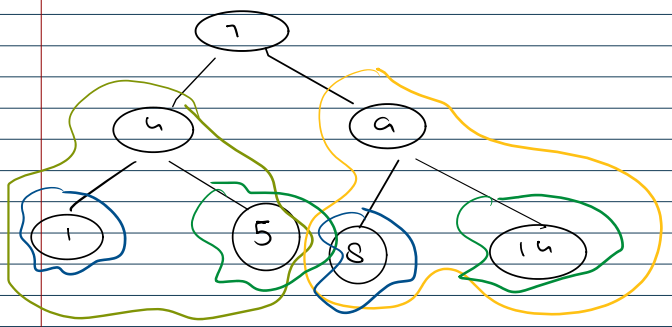


left right 2 left right 3

4 5 6 7

4 5 2 6 7 3 1

Inorder traversal



BST

left 7 right

left 4 right left 9 right

1 5 8 14

1 4 5 7 8 9 14

always sorted for BST